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SUBJECT: PROPOSED CALL ON PRESIDENT ZHIVKOV

REF: SOFIA 406

1. BOTH TIMEING AND AGENDA OF YOUR PROPOSED CALL ON PRESIDENT ZHIVKOV SOUND GOOD, AND WE WOULD CERTAINLY ENDORSE YOUR GIVING IT A TRY.

2. SINCE OUR CATALOGUE OF OUTSTANDING BILATERAL ISSUES IS SO LIMITED, YOU MIGHT WISH TO DRAW OUT ZHIVKOV ON A COUPLE OF BROADER TOPICS. WE LEAVE THE CHOICE UP TO YOU, BUT IT OCCURS TO US THAT BALKAN COOPERATION, THE SOVET PARTY CONGRESS AND CEMA INTEGRATION MIGHT BE WORHT DISCUSSING IF ZHIVKOV IS IN A MOOD TO TALK IN ANYTHING OTHER THAN KREMLIN-INSPIRED CLICHES AND GENERALITIES. ALSO, YOU MIGHT WANT TO TRY TO DO A LITTLE "MISSIONARY WORK" ON PUERTO RICO, (AS YOU SUGGESTED IN SOFIA 351) DRAWING ON STATE 49329 AND 49330. OTHER UN-RELATED TOPICS SUCH AS KOREA AND THE MIDDLE EAST ARE EVOLVING IN SUCH A WAY THAT

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ZHIVKOV'S OPINIONS, EVEN IF HE SHARED THEM, WOULD PROBABLY

NOT BE OF ANY GREAT INTEREST.

3. WE HOPE YOU ARE ABLE TO TOUCH ON THE COLLINS CASE.
PERHAPS THE BEST WAY TO BROACH IT WOULD BE IN CONTEXT OF
YOUR DISCUSSION OF DIVIDED FAMILIES. KISSINGER

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